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## **Majority Leader Aresimowicz Announces Funding For Berlin Façade and Landscape Program**

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D – Berlin/Southington) is pleased to announce that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has awarded a \$500,000 Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant to the town of Berlin to fund additional projects under the town's successful Façade and Landscape Program.

“I am so pleased that Berlin’s Façade and Landscape Program has been awarded this grant,” said Rep. Aresimowicz. “The town has already made so much progress in working with local businesses to improve their store fronts and ultimately improve the appearance of our busiest roads. This funding will allow the program to continue this outstanding work to make Berlin’s downtown area an appealing place to both businesses – old and new – and community members.”

Berlin’s Façade and Landscape Program provides assistance to commercial property owners in the rail TOD zone and core shopping districts – The Kensington Village Area – to upgrade their facades and landscaping. Using a 50/50 match funding strategy, the program has been able encourage more business owners to upgrade, renovate and modernize the look of their properties.

Berlin has already approved 22 projects, 14 of which have been completed. These approved projects will bring in more than \$550,000 in private investment and funding into the Train Station and Kensington Village area. The additional \$500,000 grant funding for the program will bring in at least \$500,000 in additional private investment to change the face of the village and train station area.

Berlin was one of 20 towns in the state to receive this funding. The \$500,000 was part of the \$11 million in funding under a competitive grant program that will support transit-oriented development and responsible growth, targeted at boosting economic activity and creating jobs.

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**Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.**